

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
-- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --  
EXAMINING GROUP 2600**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Picher-Dempsey

Application No.: **08/990,096**

Filed: **12/12/1997**

For: **SECURE NETWORK  
ARCHITECTURE WITH  
QUALITY OF SERVICE**

Examiner: **Nguyen, Hanh N.**

Art Group: **2616**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on 08/15/2006, applicant submits this Amendment and Response to Non-final Office Action for consideration. This Amendment and Response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. An RCE is proper at this time because prosecution is closed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114(b) and a Notice of Appeal was filed on January 16, 2007.

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